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Attorney Docket Number	053990-0050
First Named Inventor	John E. Burton
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10/706,602
Filing Date	November 12, 2003
Art Unit	2833
Examiner Name	Not assigned

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SECURING DEVICE AND METHOD

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

 is attached hereto**OR** was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 11/12/2003 as United States Application Number or PCT InternationalApplication Number 10/706,602 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

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Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name John Burton, Managing Member of Burton Technologies LLCSignature John BurtonDate 3/17/2004Telephone 231-843-7826

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.



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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: John E. BurtonApplication No./Patent No.: 10/706,602 Filed/Issue Date: November 12, 2003Entitled: SECURING DEVICE AND METHODBurton Technologies LLC, a limited liability company
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